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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting CIA Member
National Foreign Intelligence Board

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
CIA Member, DCI Security Committee

SUBJECT: Draft DCID No. 1/16, Security of Foreign
Intelligence in Automated Data Processing
Systems and Networks (U)

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Holders-1 of NFIB-9.3/16,
same subject

1. (U) The DCI Security Committee has been working for some time on an update of the current DCID No. 1/16. Earlier this year it submitted such revision to the National Foreign Intelligence Board.

2. (U) On 11 August 1977 copies of the revised DCID were circulated to NFIB members for concurrence or comment. It is my understanding that in response to this previous staffing CIA expressed their full concurrence in the proposed revision.

3. (U) Reference has circulated another draft of the updated DCID No. 1/16. Based on a review of this new draft, we see no significant difference from that previously circulated in August 1977. Most of the differences are editorial in nature.

4. (U) Since this proposed revision of DCID No. 1/16 during its development was closely coordinated throughout the Agency, in-depth staffing at this time within the Agency appears unnecessary, especially in view of the 20 December 1977 deadline. It is recommended that you concur in the promulgation of the new draft. In the event that the NFIB approves the promulgation of the revised DCID, it is suggested that prior to final promulgation the directive be classified by paragraph.

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5. (C) For your information in case discussion should arise at the NFIB meeting, there has been an issue of controversy associated with the development of this updated directive. This controversy has centered on a proposal supported by the Defense Intelligence Agency and at least some of the military departments which would permit the concurrent processing of Confidential and Secret information in a computer system at the same time that the system is storing sensitive compartmented information, but without all personnel accessing the system being cleared at the Top Secret level let alone approved for compartmented access. This proposal during several discussions was identified as an "Expanded Compartmented Mode" of computer operation. Both the National Security Agency and CIA took strong exception to this proposal as an unacceptable risk to the protection of sensitive compartmented information.

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